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### **Fuel Assistance application deadline is this Friday**

**Richmond** – The deadline to apply for Fuel Assistance through the Virginia Department of Social Services' (VDSS) is this Friday, Nov. 12. Families and individuals must apply through their [local department of social services](#). Applications must be received or postmarked by Friday, Nov. 12.

“We strongly encourage those who need help paying for their heating costs this winter, those who think they might or whose circumstances have changed and may now qualify for the first time to apply by the deadline.” said VDSS Commissioner Martin D. Brown.

Fuel Assistance is a supplemental program intended to assist households in meeting their home heating energy needs; the program assists with various types of energy sources, including electricity, natural and liquid propane gas, oil, kerosene, coal and wood. To qualify, a one-person household's maximum gross monthly income cannot exceed \$1,174. For a household of four, the maximum gross monthly income level is \$2,389.

The Fuel Assistance Program is funded by the federal Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) block grant. LIHEAP provides money to states to help low-income households, the elderly and disabled cope with the financial strain of high heating bills. The Fuel Assistance Program was created in 1979 and served more than 143,000 Virginia households last year. For more information on the Fuel Assistance Program, visit [www.dss.virginia.gov](http://www.dss.virginia.gov).

Thursday is Veteran's Day. State offices will be closed for the holiday.

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